GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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NUCLEAR AIR COMMAND
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a Nuclear Air Command for the Indian Air Force in view of the threatperception from the potential enemy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of countries in the world which are having nuclear air commands?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): It would not be desirable to disclose these details in the interest of the National security.

(d) It is understood that the United States Air Force has aStrategic Air Command. France, China and Russia are also understood to have Strategic Forces, placed under a single command.